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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/EP2005/02023, of which the above-referenced application is a National Stage:

- (1) J. LIVAGE et al., "Sol-Gel Chemistry of Transition Metal Oxides", Prog. Solid. St. Chem., Vol. 18, 1988, pp. 259-341;
- (2) WO 01/30702 A1, May 3, 2001;
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/004544 A1 (KOLB et al.), published January 10, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (2);
- (4) M. WONG et al., "Amphiphilic Templating of Mesostructured Zirconium Oxide", Chem. Mater., Vol. 10, 1998, pp. 2067-2077;
- (5) WO 93/21127 A1, October 28, 1993; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application, beginning on page 2, line 14; and

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(6) U.S. Patent No. 5,593,781 (NASS et al.), January 14, 1997; Applicants note that this document is as a family member of document (5).

Applicants further direct the attention of the Examiner to the following documents which are cited and discussed in the specification of the present application:

(7) WO 96/31572 A1, October 10, 1996; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application, beginning on page 2, line 15;

(8) U.S. Patent No. 5,910,522 (SCHMIDT et al.), June 8, 1999; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (7);

(9) EP 0 195 493 B1, September 24, 1986; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application, beginning on page 12, line 17;

(10) U.S. Patent No. 4,895,767 (MORI et al.), January 23, 1990; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (9);

(11) WO 92/21729 A1, December 10, 1992; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application, beginning on page 12, line 20;

(12) U.S. Patent No. 5,644,014 (SCHMIDT et al.), July 1, 1997; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (11);

(13) DE 43 38 361 A1, May 11, 1995; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application, beginning on page 27, line 19;

(14) U.S. Patent No. 6,008,285 (KASEMANN et al.), December 28, 1999; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (13); and

(15) U.S. Patent No. 6,228,921 B1 (KASEMANN et al.), May 8, 2001; Applicants note that this document is a family member of documents (13) and (14).

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Applicants further direct the attention of the Examiner to the following commonly assigned U.S. Patents:

(16) U.S. Patent No. 6,620,514 B1 (ARPAC et al.), September 16, 2003; Applicants note that this document is the National Stage of PCT/EP99/02396, which published as WO 99/52964 A1 on October 21, 1999; and

(17) U.S. Patent No. 6,291,070 B1 (ARPAC et al.), September 18, 2001; Applicants note that this document is the National Stage of PCT/EP98/02842, which published as WO 98/51146 A1 on November 19, 1998.

Furthermore, Applicants direct the attention of the Examiner to the following commonly assigned and co-pending U.S. Patent Applications:

(18) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0191505 A1 (AKARSU et al.), September 1, 2005; Applicants note that this document is a Continuation of PCT/EP03/07426, which published as WO 2004/005577 A2 on January 15, 2004; and

(19) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/589,986 (ARPAC et al.), filed on August 18, 2006 and entitled, "Abrasion-resistant and Alkali-resistant Coatings or Moulded Bodies Having a Low-energy Surface"; Applicants note that this document is the National Stage of PCT/EP05/01841, which published as WO 2005/0804665 on September 1, 2005.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications), the Written Opinion (in English and German), and the International Search Report (in English and German) for International Application PCT/EP05/02023 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the Form PTO-1449 listing these documents. Accordingly, the

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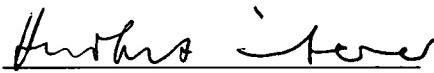
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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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